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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A part for casting comprising base paper for paper tubing and

containing an organic fiber, an inorganic fiber a carbon fiber, and a binder, the base paper being

eonverted spiral-wound into a tube the inorganic fiber being carbon fiber whose content is 1 to

40 parts by weight such that there is an overlap between adjacent turns, the total content of

carbon fiber being 7 to 80 parts by weight, and the total weight of the organic fiber, the carbon

fiber, and the binder being taken as 100 parts weight.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The part for easting according to claim 1, comprising 10 to 70

parts by weight of the organic fiber, [[1]] 7 to 80 parts by weight of the carbon fiber, and 10 to

85 parts by weight of the binder, the total weight of the organic fiber, the carbon fiber, and the

binder being taken as 100 parts by weight.

4. (Original) The part for casting according to claim 1, wherein the binder comprises at

least two binders having different melting points.

5. (Original) The part for casting according to claim 1, wherein the binder consists of an

organic binder and/or an inorganic binder.

6. (Original) The part for easting according to claim 5, wherein the inorganic binder is a

compound mainly comprising SiO₂.

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7. (Original) The part for easting according to claim 1, wherein the organic fiber is

paper fiber.

8. (Original) A method for easting production which uses the part for easting according

to claim 1, the part for casting being disposed in easting sand.

9. (Currently Amended) A process of producing a part for casting, which is for

producing the part for casting according to claim 1, comprising the steps of making base paper

for paper tubing by papermaking using a slurry containing at least the organic fiber and the

inorganie carbon fiber, converting the base paper into a spiral-wound paper tube by winding the

base paper in a helix pattern such that there is overlap between adjacent turns, and incorporating

the binder into the paper tube.

10. (Original) The process of producing a part for casting according to claim 9, wherein

the binder is an organic binder, and the step of incorporating the binder into the paper tube is

impregnation.

11. (Original) The process of producing a part for casting according to claim 10, wherein

the slurry further contains the inorganic binder.

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